

Case Western Reserve University, and a member of the Board of Overseers at Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge John M. Manos. Please also join me as I offer my deep condolences to his companion Gloria Donahue; to his sons, Michael and Keith; to his daughters, Donna and Christine; to his son-in-law, Patrick; to his 12 grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends. Although he will be greatly missed, his steadfast devotion to family and friends and unwavering focus on legal equality and justice highlighted his life, and his memory and impact will live on within the hearts of his family and friends, today and for all time, and he will never be forgotten.

HONORING MRS. MARILYN PINSKY'S RETIREMENT AS COMMISSIONER OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND YOUTH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Marilyn Pinsky. On June 30, 2006 Mrs. Pinsky retired as commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth for Onondaga County, NY. Mrs. Pinsky's career with Onondaga County spanned over 35 years, starting in the Data Processing Department in 1971. She has worked her way up to commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth, where she has ably served since 1993.

Mrs. Pinsky is a graduate of Syracuse University and earned a masters of public administration from the Maxwell School. She is a member of many community boards, including the Central New York Community Foundation, Success by Six Policy Council, and the Board of Visitors of the Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions. She is a past president of the Interreligious Council of Central New York, and was a member of the boards of the Syracuse Symphony, Syracuse Stage, and the Freedom Trail Commission. She has been a dedicated employee, leader, and mother.

She is a recipient of the Temple Adath Citzien of the Year Award, a Post-Standard Woman of Achievement, the Hannah G. Solomon Award and the New York State Intergenerational Network Award, among others.

Mrs. Pinsky's service has made a lasting positive impact upon my hometown community. Most recently, she spearheaded an effort in Onondaga County to educate and assist in enrolling area seniors in the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. For its efforts, her department recently received commendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Mrs. Pinsky's dedication, knowledge and leadership are unparalleled and much appreciated. I wish her well in retirement and thank her for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Cranberry Township and the celebration of Community Day on the 4th of July 2006.

Cranberry Township's Community Day began over 100 years ago and as a celebration of the United States' Bicentennial in 1976. The events of this celebration included a parade, musket shoot, battle of the barrels contest, bonfire, sing-along, and fireworks.

Cranberry Township's Annual Community Day has evolved into an opportunity to highlight a number of local non-profit organizations. It has continued to grow and change to include, not only non-profits, but also businesses and vendors throughout the region. The annual festivity has expanded to include over 100 booths, activities, and events throughout the entire Cranberry Community Park with over 20,000 people attending.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these courageous soldiers on this day of Independence. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute these great Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES "CHARLIE" RUGGEROLI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli, who passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Charlie was a lifetime resident of Southern Nevada, a 12-letter man at Bishop Gorman, in football, basketball, and baseball. He would later watch his four sons play football and basketball at Bishop Gorman during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Charlie went on to the University of San Francisco on a basketball scholarship and subsequently earned his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Charlie served in the Air Force and did residencies in Northern California before returning to Las Vegas to open his practice in 1974 and joining the staff at Valley Hospital.

No matter how busy Charlie was, he always took the time to explain everything to his patients and make sure all their questions were answered. In over 30 years of medical practice, his patients included Elvis Presley and Sugar Ray Leonard. Charlie also served on the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli. He will be greatly missed by the community.

CONGRATULATING JAMES SETTLES, JR. ON HIS ELECTION TO THE UAW VICE PRESIDENCY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2006, James Settles Jr. was elected first vice president of the United Automobile Workers International Union at its 34th Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. My colleagues, today I rise to honor this fellow Detroit on his elevation to the post and wish him the best of luck in his new position. While James is joining the union's national leadership at a critical juncture in its history I believe he has the necessary motivation and determination to guide the UAW into a prosperous future.

In some ways one could argue that James Settles, Jr. was a born labor leader. A third generation Ford Motor Company employee and son of James Settles, Sr., a well-known Detroit civil rights activist and labor leader, Settles' involvement with the UAW began in 1968, when he joined Local 600 after being hired at Ford's Dearborn Iron Foundry and Michigan Casting Center.

Just two years later, in 1970, he was elected to the General Council of Local 600 and in 1973 he was elected District Committeeman and Unit Recording Secretary. Over the next decade, he served in a variety of union posts and as a delegate to three UAW conventions. In 1982, he took a staff position at Local 600 and later was elected its first vice president in 1987.

As James Settles earned the respect and loyalty of his UAW brothers and sisters he has quickly and continuously risen through the UAW ranks. In 1992 he was first appointed to UAW International Staff and in 2002 he was elected director of Region 1A.

Having been a member of the UAW-Ford National Negotiating Committee since 1990, Mr. Settles brings a good deal of contract negotiating experience to the post of Vice President. This experience is especially important today given the current attack many workers are seeing on their collectively bargained contracts.

I firmly believe that this expertise will help him in his job of overseeing several of the national organizations that operate in conjunction with the UAW and the over 115,000 technical and professional workers he will represent. These workers come from all across the country from a range of industries and professions, including the healthcare industry, individual universities and university systems, an array of professional service and non-profit agencies. 20,000 of these workers are employed by the State of Michigan.

While Mr. Settles is a prominent leader in the UAW, his involvement in the community extends far beyond the factory walls. James is active in a wide range of community and civic organizations. He is a member of the Detroit-Wayne County Board of Authority, the Trade Union Leadership Council, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and a Life member of the NAACP. He serves on the boards of the Henry Ford Community College Employment and Training Development Center, the Detroit Public School Compact Association at

McMichael Middle School and the North Rose-dale Park Civic Association. He is a former member of the board of the Rouge Employees Credit Union.

In conclusion, Mr. Settles I congratulate your election and once again wish you the best of luck.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
ANNA CHATMAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Anna Chatman, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, businesswoman, community activist and friend and mentor to many.

Mrs. Chatman lived her life with great joy and in endless commitment to her faith, family and community. Together, she and her beloved husband, the late Reverend Marcellus Chatman, raised their daughters, Marcella Caffie and Ruby Alexander. Her devotion to family extended outward into the community, where she touched the lives of countless individuals through her focus on social justice and political empowerment. In 1969, Mrs. Chatman founded the Harvest Day Care Center. As owner and operator, she secured funding in order to provide quality day care for mothers on welfare, which enabled numerous parents to break through the wall of poverty by having a safe and affordable place to bring their children while they worked. The Harvest Day Care Center remains in operation today, run by Mrs. Chatman's daughter, Ruby Alexander.

Mrs. Chatman's inner light, dynamic personality and her ability to connect with people created lasting impressions on those around her and served to forever change the landscape of the Democratic Party in Cuyahoga County. Even though she had no prior experience in politics, then U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes asked Mrs. Chatman to accept the role of executive director of the 21st District Caucus (which became the 11th District Caucus), knowing she could rally the support of African-Americans who felt overlooked by the Democratic Party. Mrs. Chatman inspired and guided countless individuals to become empowered and involved in the caucus. Under her direction, the caucus evolved to become one of the most powerful political organizations in the Nation, attracting up to 50,000 people to the caucus's annual Labor Day picnic and existing as a catalyst of political action and societal justice.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Anna Chatman, whose joyous life reflected great joy and an unwavering focus on lifting the lives of others. I offer my deep condolences to her daughters, Marcella and Ruby; to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and to her extended family members and many friends. Although she will be greatly missed, her singular life, framed by love, integrity, conviction and strength, will shine forever in the hearts of her friends and loved ones and will forever illuminate the soul and hope of our entire community.

HONORING MR. FREDERICK MURPHY'S RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Frederick Murphy. On June 30, 2006, Mr. Murphy retired as director of the Syracuse Housing Authority in Syracuse, NY.

A graduate of Ithaca College, Mr. Murphy's career in local community development began in 1965 when he went to work for the city of Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency under then Mayor William F. Walsh. Later, he headed the city's Code Enforcement Division until he was appointed executive director of the Syracuse Housing Authority on February 18, 1971.

As the director of the SHA, Mr. Murphy successfully oversaw the administration of a \$35 million annual budget operating 2,500 apartments and also managed the section 8 housing program. He helped secure more than \$180 million in Federal grants to modernize every public housing development and oversaw great growth and expansion of the program, building 550 new apartments of public housing during his tenure.

Mr. Murphy's service has made a lasting positive impact upon my hometown community. Throughout his career he has worked with many mayors and HUD secretaries to greatly improve Syracuse's public housing.

Mr. Murphy's dedication, knowledge and leadership are unparalleled and much appreciated. I wish him well in retirement, and thank him for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO NATRONA BOTTLING  
COMPANY

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Natrona Bottling Company as they celebrate the anniversary of their founding.

From their beginning in 1904, The Natrona Bottling Company has a long and rich history of serving the needs of the people of Allegheny County and beyond. Beginning in 1939, the torch was passed to the Bowser family, and they carry on the tradition today with Mr. Paul Bowser currently serving as the CEO.

Natrona Bottling Company is the last remaining soda bottling company in Allegheny County, and all of their formulas are micro-crafted. They produce a multitude of delicious beverages, including: Red Ribbon Cherry Supreme, Red Ribbon Root Beer, Pennsylvania Punch, Jamaica's Finest Ginger Beer, and Champayno.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Natrona Bottling Company. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute this wonderful company.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMAND  
SERGEANT MAJOR JOSEPH  
LAPLANTE, JR.

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major Joseph LaPlante Jr., who will retire on July 21, 2006, after 29 years of service in the United States Army.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Command Sergeant Major LaPlante completed his basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma in September, 1977. He then served as a Fire Support Specialist, Armorer, and Career Counselor for the B Battery's 1st Battalion, 29th Field Artillery from 1978 to 1980 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

In October 1981, Command Sergeant Major LaPlante completed the Army Recruiter Course and was assigned as a Field Recruiter to the New Bedford, Massachusetts, Boston Recruiting Battalion. In April of 1984, he was the Station Commander of the Fall River Recruiting Battalion. In July of 2000, Command Sergeant Major was selected to attend the United States Sergeant Major Academy, Class 51, at Fort Bliss, Texas. On June 25, 2001, he assumed the position of Command Sergeant Major of the New England Recruiting Battalion.

After 27 years of service, Sergeant Major LaPlante assumed the position of the 6th Recruiting Brigade Command Sergeant Major in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Command Sergeant Major LaPlante has received many awards including the Gold Recruiter Badge with three Star Sapphires, the Recruiter Ring, the Glenn E. Morrell Award, the Career Counselor Badge, the Army Achievement Medal 3rd Award, the Army Commendation Medal 3rd Award, the Army Meritorious Service Medal 7th Award, Legion of Merit 2nd Award, National Defense Service Medal, the Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development with Numeral #4, the Army Service Medal, the Army Good Conduct 8th Award, and the Army Superior Unit Citation 2nd Award.

To add to all of his outstanding accomplishments, Command Sergeant Major LaPlante has a wonderful family including his wife, Patti, and his daughters, Crystal and Heather.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Command Sergeant Major Joseph LaPlante, Jr. for his distinguished record of service and his commitment to the United States Army. I wish him the best in his retirement and all future endeavors.

HONORING THE GIFT OF LIFE

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, in these challenging times, it is refreshing to hear uplifting anecdotes of kindness and hope. I rise to recognize a tremendous source of these qualities on Long Island: the non-profit